

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR U.S. VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT (VAR)

## 1. TIME LIMIT AND SUBMITTAL.

The operator of a catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or of a mothership holding a federal fisheries permit:

- (1) and carrying fish or fish product ;
- (2) that is departing to or returning from fishing at the GOA Seamounts regardless of whether fish or fish product is onboard; or
- (3) that is departing to or returning from fishing at the Russian Zone regardless of whether fish or fish product is onboard

Must complete and submit a VAR by FAX to:

NMFS Alaska Enforcement Division  
FAX number 907-586-7313

before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or the United States/Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

If a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut and/or IFQ sablefish onboard and the operator has received a Vessel Clearance or has submitted a Vessel Departure Report, the operator is not required to submit a VAR.

If a vessel is carrying federal groundfish and IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish, the operator must submit a VAR in addition to a VDR or a VC.

## 2. GENERAL.

### Original/revised Report.

If VAR is the first one sent for a given day, check "ORIGINAL REPORT".

If VAR is a correction or addition to a previously sent VAR, check "REVISED REPORT."

### Vessel Information.

Enter vessel name as it appears on the Federal Fisheries Permit.

Enter Federal Fisheries Permit number.

Enter the COMSAT number of the vessel (if applicable).

### Representative Information.

Enter representative's name.

Enter the representative's telephone number, and FAX or TELEX number, as appropriate.

### Return/Depart.

Check either "RETURN REPORT" or "DEPART REPORT". Return means coming back into Alaska. Depart means leaving Alaska.

### Port of Landing.

If return report, enter intended U.S. port of landing.

If departing to a country other than the United States or to a state other than Alaska, enter the intended port of landing.

If groundfish are landed at a port other than the one specified, submit a revised VAR showing the actual port of landing.

Is Vessel Returning From Fishing in The Russian Zone? If return report, check either "YES" or "NO".

Is Vessel Departing to Fish in The Russian Zone? If depart report, check either "YES" or "NO".

Date And Time. Enter the estimated date (month-day-year) and time (hour and minute, Greenwich mean time) the vessel will cross.

Latitude And Longitude at Point of Crossing. Enter the estimated position in latitude and longitude (to the nearest degree and minute) the vessel will cross. Option: record to nearest second or fraction of a minute.

## 3. FISH OR FISH PRODUCT ON BOARD THE VESSEL.

### Harvest Zone.

Enter the area alpha code to indicate where fish were harvested.

A - EEZ off Alaska

B - State waters of Alaska

C - State waters other than Alaska

D - Donut Hole

F - Foreign waters other than Russia

I - International waters other  
than Donut Hole and seamounts  
R - Russian waters  
S - Seamounts in international waters  
U - U.S. EEZ other than Alaska

Species Code. Enter the species code for each product.  
If no species code is listed for the landed fish, write in  
the "common" name for that fish species (e.g.,  
swordfish, albacore).

Product Code. Enter the product code for each  
product.

Use the species and product codes presented  
in Table 1 and Table 2.

Product Weight. Circle pounds or 0.001 mt. Enter the  
fish product weight of products in pounds or to the  
nearest 0.001 mt.